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THE RAIL

Hubbard visits
residence halls

As part of "Meet the President," President Dean Hubbard will spend time in several residence halls listening to and addressing student questions, comments and concerns about their school.

Hubbard will meet students in the new Hudson and Perrin halls at 10 a.m. today in the lobby between the two halls. On Thursday, Sept. 6, he will visit the main lounges of Phillips, Millikan, Dieterich and Franken at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m., respectively.

Refreshments will be provided, as will Culture of Quality comment cards for students that wish to fill them out.

Offutt hosts book
signing next week

Mass Communications instructor, Jason Offutt will have a local book signing next week.

Offutt will be at the Maryville Public Library from signing his book, "Haunted Missouri" from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday Sept. 10.

Correction

In the Aug. 30 issue of the *Northwest Missourian*, the name of Nodaway County Treasurer Mary Noel appeared incorrect in an article.

Thursday

Relay for Life Hot Dog Eating Contest sponsored by Hy-Vee. Registration starts at 6 p.m., contest begins at 6:30 p.m.

Intramural softball entries close, meeting at 4 p.m.

Sorority Song, 5 p.m., Performing Arts Center

Late Night at the Union, poker, 10 p.m.

Study Abroad Information Session, 2 p.m., IIC Living Room in the Union

Last day for 50 percent refund for dropped trimester course or withdrawal.

Friday

Music Department Inter-Organizational Picnic, 5 p.m., Donaldson Westside Park

Bearcat Volleyball Classic, Bearcat Arena

Saturday

PRAXIS Session I, 8 a.m., Colden Hall third floor

Women's/Men's Cross Country Bearcat Collegiate Open, College Course

Football at Nebraska-Omaha, 6 p.m., Omaha, Neb.

Sunday

Soccer at Northeastern State (Okla.), 1 p.m.

Lutheran Campus Center \$1 super, 5:30 p.m.

French movie: "L'auberge Espagnole (The Spanish Apartment)," 6 p.m., Wells Hall 141

A.N.T.S. pizza party, 5 p.m., College Park Pavilion

Monday

Sorority Preference Day, 5 p.m.

Study Abroad Information Session, 3:15 p.m., IIC Living Room, Union

Intramural softball begins, 3:30 p.m., Donaldson Westside Park

Intramural Field Goal Kicking, 4 p.m., Bearcat Stadium

Robert Royhl Painting Exhibit opens, DeLuce Gallery

Dog Days on Campus (Advocated for Animal Awareness), 5-6 p.m.

Wednesday

PRSSA meeting, 5 p.m.

Visitin writers: Rebecca Aronson, John Gallagher, 7 p.m., Union Boardroom

Volleyball vs. Southwest Baptist, 7 p.m., Bearcat Arena

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CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Campus welcomes Hellogoodbye next week

By Lindsay Jacobs
University News Editor

Hellogoodbye, a powerpop-indie band will be in concert at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 14 at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

The concert is sponsored by the Student Activities Council (SAC).

Tickets for students are free at the Student Services Desk in the Administration Building.

Students must show their Bearcat Card, said Wesley Miller, the Student Activities SAC Lecture Chairman. The tickets for the public will cost \$5, Miller said.

The opening act for the concert has not yet been determined.

The band signed the contract last week to play the concert, said SAC co-concert chair, Brandon Matulka. Hellogoodbye is a four-person band, made up of Forrest Kline, Marcus Cole, Jesse Kurvink and Chris Profeta.

The band was formed in 2002, according to Billboard.com.

They are known for the songs "Here in Your Arms" and "Shimmy Shimmy Quarter Turn."

The Student Activities Council previously signed bands such as Hinder, Papa Roach and Chris Cagle to perform on campus.



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CAMPUS PUTS SAFETY FIRST

Many recommendations from Virginia Tech report in place at Northwest



MOST CAMPUS ENTRYWAYS are equipped with FOB's, which only allow access by assigned keys.



EMERGENCY TOWERS PLACED in high traffic areas of campus give students direct contact to Campus Safety.



NORTHWEST STUDENTS SARAH Sauer and Marsha Jennings review the Emergency Checklist placed by Campus Safety in all buildings.

By Lindsay Jacobs
University News Editor

Many questioned how safe college campuses were after 32 were killed, not including the shooter, in the Virginia Tech Shootings last April.

The attack was the deadliest shooting incident in U.S. history, and many wondered how gunman Seung Hui Cho could slip through the cracks, but in one *Washington Post* report some believed Cho showed warning signs as a child.

At Northwest a task force has been in place for at least three years to discuss the welfare of students who seem emotionally distressed.

The Threat Assessment Task Force, known as TAT, meets once a week for an hour to talk about how to approach the situation and discuss how to help those students, said Student Affairs Associate Vice President, Jackie Elliot. The task force gets its information from faculty, staff, Residential Life staff and students, Elliot said. "I think this is something different than maybe what a lot of universities do," Elliot said. "We bring Campus Safety to the table, we bring people from the Wellness Center, the Counseling Center, Academic Advisement, myself and Residential Life come to the table every Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock," Elliot said.

She would much rather be proactive than questioning how something was missed.

"We're very responsive, some people might say we're aggressive, but I'd much rather be aggressive and responsive than to later say 'Oh we should have done this,'" Elliot said.

If a student lives off campus, and they just attend class, go home and don't get involved in anything, it is possible for the student to be overlooked, Elliot said. If there

General signs a student is distressed

- Agitation
- High levels of nervousness and anxiety
- Increased irritability
- Undo aggressive or abrasive behavior
- Changes in personality
- Changes in hygiene
- Bizarre, alarming and psychotic behavior
- Over dependent

Courtesy Tim Crowley

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Smart money, smart business

Series two of a three-part look at economic development in Maryville

By Sean Comer
Community News Editor

If the right location matters most in growing a successful business, proper financing might place a close second.

Frank Veeman, Director of the Northwest Small Business Development Center at Maryville, has seen entrepreneurs come and go. The SBCD at Maryville makes starting would-be business owners off on the right foot its primary goal.

However, many entrepreneurs enter the business arena unprepared for everything leading up to the American Dream's bottom line—ownership of one's own business. Most small businesses need sizable loans that usually require a positive credit history and an up-front cash investment in the business's launch, Veeman said.

Many banks require a 15 to 25 percent or more commitment of funds before offering a loan to prospective business owners, Veeman said—what he calls, "the pound of flesh." In addition, grants tend to specialize in financing higher-tech business prospects.

"The banks will want their investment in that business," Veeman said. "That provides one of the real challenges for a lot of small businesses."

About 750,000 new businesses open in the United States each year, Veeman said. Of those businesses, an estimated 60 to 70 percent survive the first five years. Veeman cites a fully thought-out set of goals as a trait banks prize in potential investments and a lacking quality that sets some business owners up for failure.

"When [entrepreneurs] come in, one of the things we normally ask them is 'How much money do you want to make?'" Veeman said. "Well, if they say 'I think I can make ten-thousand dollars,' then the question is, do they want to work 40 to 60 hours a week and get paid \$10,000 a year?

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DREAM INITIATIVE

St. Joseph's past — clues to Maryville's DREAM future?

By Sean Comer
Community News Editor

the DREAM initiative's assistance, and after?

We've been under the DREAM plan for about a year and we have a lot of projects underway.

We have a lot of lofty goals. We want to establish a "quiet zone," an entertainment district and a conference center. With their planning and consultation assistance, we're achieving those goals in a more timely fashion than we could have on our own.

Are there any projects that weren't able to become realities before the DREAM initiative?

We're in the process right now of our conference center study to see if the market will support a conference center, how large, where it should be located, strategic positioning—that

sort of thing.

We've got a wonderful 1920s theater here that the city has invested a lot of money rehabbing. The state was able to help us get tax credits to update the sound system in the theater, which will greatly enhance its capabilities.

We're working on major streetscape projects right now. Hopefully through the DREAM initiative, we'll be able to isolate some additional funding sources for additional projects. That was outlined in our master plan in 2001 and another thing we hope to accomplish is to get an update on that master plan, so that we can move forward with it. As a downtown development expert, what can you see Maryville achieving through the DREAM initia-

tive?

Maryville is really fortunate in that it's kind of compact.

You've got the traditional "town square." You can build on the successful businesses that you already have in your downtown area. It's already fairly walkable. You've got some infrastructure issues with streets that you're currently working on. You're doing some things similar to what we're doing down here.

I don't know how much slack you guys get in Maryville, but we get a lot of slack here in St. Joseph about parking and not being able to park in front of businesses. Well, the whole ideology is to get a nice pedestrian environment so people get out of their cars and walk. They experience the community by walking in it and

experience the historic buildings and things of that nature by actually walking around. So that's what we're trying to accomplish here as well. Do some of those things set Maryville apart, in terms of a DREAM starting point, from St. Joseph?

Our downtown area is really expansive and we've got a lot of really large buildings we have to deal with. I think Maryville will be able to capitalize on this quicker because it's compact, you've still got your traditional square.

I think you guys will actually be able to capitalize on this a lot quicker. I was very excited when Maryville was named a DREAM city because I really think they'll be able to come in and head you guys in a direction where you'll see results pretty quick.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

NWAAA hosts 'Dog Days on Campus'

Northwest Advocates for Animal Awareness will hold "Dog Days on Campus" from 5 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 10, and from 1 to 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Bell Tower.

Faculty and staff are invited to bring their dogs for the purpose of welcoming new students.

Those who are interested in bringing their dog should e-mail Kristina Hargin at Khrigin@nwmissourinews.com or Paco Martinez at Pjmarin@nwmissourinews.com.

All dogs must be licensed, on a leash and have all their shots.

Sign-up for Friends of International Students

The deadline to sign up for Friends of International Students is 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7. Those interested in becoming involved this trimester should e-mail Friends of International Students at Fis@nwmissourinews.com or call Ann Lech at 562-1958.

Orientation sessions for first time friends will be held at 6 p.m., Monday, Sept. 10 and Tuesday, Sept. 11 in Meeting Room D in the J.W. Jones Student Union. Only one session has to be attended.

Northwest Visiting Artists series to begin

Painter Robert Ruyhl's exhibit opens the 2007-08 Visiting Artists Series.

His paintings will be on display from Monday, Sept. 10 to Friday, Oct. 5 in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building.

The exhibit opens with the artist's slide show and talk about his work during the lecture/reception at 7 p.m., Sept. 10 in the fine arts building, room 244.

The exhibit will be displayed in the first-floor gallery with viewing hours from 6 to 9 p.m. on Mondays, 1 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays through Saturdays and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Still time for BRUSH volunteer sign-up

Beautifying Residences Using Student-Help (BRUSH) will take place in two shifts from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15.

Students will fix up and paint homes for owners who are unable to. Each year more than 150 students volunteer, volunteers come from the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing, Greek Organizations, other groups on campus and individual volunteers from campus as well as the community. BRUSH was founded in 2002 by Northwest first lady Aleta Hubbard.

Those that are interested in participating should call The Volunteer Program and Service Learning Office at 562-1954.

MISSOURI ACADEMY



KENNETH RO (SEATED IN MIDDLE) and Ingun Kim (seated far right) are two of the 12 South Korean students studying this year at the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing.

CONSTRUCTION

Residential Life phase III planning in progress

By Dominic Genetti
 Senior Reporter

With the new Perrin and Hudson residence halls officially open, Northwest officials are making plans for phase III of the Residential Life master plan.

The master plan is a series of improvements to on-campus living.

Planning for phase III is scheduled to begin sometime in October; however, Northwest Auxiliary Services Director Mark Hetzler said a trip is booked in late September to view other regional campuses to view newly opened facilities.

"We'll really look at everything and make what we hope is an informed decision," Hetzler said.

Accompanying Hetzler on the trip is Director of Residential Life Matt Baker, Student Affairs Associate Vice President Jackie Elliot, Finance and Support Services Vice President Ray Courier and a University architect.

Possible campus visits include Truman State University, University of Missouri-Columbia and University of Missouri-Kansas City.

No immediate plans are set for phase III, but an increase of upper-classman housing is a possibility.

Given the popularity of Tower Suites, additional suites may be built or graduated by the time phase III becomes a reality, he said.

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Financial considerations are factors for phase III as well.

"Missouri doesn't supply any taxpayer money for non-academic facilities," Courier said. "So we have to do that on our own, borrow the money on our own, therefore our students who use the facility are the ones that have to repay the debt through user fees."

When plans grow firmer for a new project a financial aspect will be more visible.

"I really don't know what we'll do for phase III," Courier said. "We've already probably borrowed, in phase I and phase II, around \$60 million."

Aside from finances with phase III, Courier said future projects depend on future freshmen enrollment.

"If the University continues to enjoy new growth, at the growth being primarily from freshmen, then I suspect we're going to have to look seriously at freshman resident halls sooner than we might have thought eight years ago."

Talks and planning over phase III should take a year or more, Hetzler said. Current freshmen will be seniors or graduate by the time phase III becomes a reality, he said.

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OUR VIEW

Campus Safety should be praised

We live in a time and place where cell phones can play your favorite YouTube videos, dorm doors can be unlocked from across campus and the contents of the Library of Congress can be accessed from Maryville. We live in a country that allows us the technology to get the information we need faster than anyone ever imagined.

However, on April 16, 2007, all the technology in the world didn't stop Seung Hi Cho from committing the deadliest shooting in U.S. history. The Virginia Tech panel report released Wednesday, Aug. 30, pins blame on a number of people and institutions that should have seen the warning signs. Everything from communication problems, issues with the mental health system and uncertainties of student privacy laws were highlighted in the report.

While high school administrators, parents and a judge knew of Cho's mental disability, educators and campus safety members did not. Cho refused court-ordered treatment, and when he did go to the campus counseling center they lost his records and never treated him. And of course, the two-hour gap in the shooting when campus was allowed to stay open after two students were found dead with no suspect in sight.

After April 16 universities' public safety departments around the country scrambled to update their safety policies. Northwest, however, was ahead of the curve and had begun updating their policies dealing with emotionally distressed students before the shooting.

The Threat Assessment Task Force, TAT, gets compiled information from faculty, staff, Residential Life staff and students. TAT meets once a week and discusses possible approaches to situations with members of Campus Safety, Residential Life, Academic Advisement, and the Wellness and Counseling centers.

Over the summer Northwest was incredibly proactive in adjusting their safety policies. Campus Safety updated the voice alarm system on campus, Simplex System, to add some new messages; locks were put on all doors, allowing them to be locked from the inside; and security and emergency placards were placed in classrooms and dorms. Even at athletic events programs and announcements now contain emergency policies.

Northwest also met a lot of the 22 points suggested for schools to follow in the report published by the governor's Campus Security Task Force, according to Campus Safety Director Clarence Green.

While no one can guarantee complete protection against someone like Cho from striking another campus or school, it is within reason to say that Northwest has done a remarkable job getting the ball rolling on improving our safety standards.

BILLY'S MOTHER LATER REALIZED THAT MANY OF HIS BIRTHDAY PRESENTS HAD BEEN RECALLED.



MY VIEW

Stand for change in China from home



Kathleen Wilmes
Guest Columnist

As the time shortens for China to host the 2008 Olympics, I think the United States will see an increase in coverage over the obvious lack of human rights in this Communist state; including labor conditions and regulations, the freedom of speech, and rights from torture and prolonged detention.

In one instance with concern to labor regulations, under fire in the United States

it was discovered that brick kilns in northern China have grossly taken advantage of children and adults with mental disadvantages by kidnapping and enslaving hundreds of people, paying little to nothing under cruel working conditions.

In regards to obvious international rights, including Yahoo! and Google, have been under fire in the United States

for aiding oppression by turning over information of Internet users to the Chinese authorities, leading to the abuse against Chinese journalists and activists, as well as censoring the search process by blocking certain words, phrases and Web sites.

I think everyone can agree that even though these issues are across the world in a country with an entirely different culture, they still have a profound effect here at home. So what can we do as students of Northwest, residents of Nodaway County, citizens of the United States and leaders of the world?

Starting big, Germany sets a prime example by openly criticizing China for censorship and the abuse of political advocates.

United States companies could stop condoning the abuse of human rights by severing the business ties. And average citizens can make an impact as well.

We can stop giving our business to these corporations, and check to make sure where the products we purchase are from.

In any way possible, we need to stop trading human rights for profit.

MY VIEW

Games are not the real problem in elementary schools



Sarah York
Guest Columnist

An elementary school in Colorado Springs has recently banned the game of "tag" because children were supposedly being chased "against their will." Administrators allow children instead to play games that can involve running, but no chasing.

This is one of many examples of traditional childhood games, including dodgeball, touch football, and other sports in which teams are picked and scores are kept, that have

been either modified to protect the delicate emotions of children or banned entirely from the playground.

So what exactly are we protecting our kids against? The unimaginable anguish of being chosen last on a playground kickball team, or facing the fact 12-year-old girls

are now dressing like they are 20?

Schools and parents are simply sheltering their children from the wrong things while turning a blind eye to issues that are far more destructive to our youth like childhood obesity, teen pregnancy and drug abuse.

We are creating a society that doesn't want competition, a winner named or a child with hurt feelings.

Well kids, in the real world you must be a competitor, there will be a winner and a loser and your precious feelings will at some point get hurt.

If our children are denied the opportunity to learn how to handle these experiences at a young age with their parents' support and guidance they will be unprepared to handle the trials and tribulations of adolescence and adulthood.

These are their formative years, a time for kids to celebrate victory and a time for them to learn how to handle defeat.

Perhaps most importantly, a time to learn you need to run faster than the kid chasing you.

C'mon Colorado!

MY VIEW

Since the Virginia Tech shootings, have you felt safe on campus?



"I don't live on campus. It was really sad what happened there but I feel the same. It doesn't affect me as much," Elisa Schmeltz, Broadcasting, Advertising



"Yes. We have a lot of policies, like we have to escort people through hallways at night and campus safety comes to our advising classes to let us know they're there," Wesley Miller, Broadcasting, Advertising



"Yeah, because we have a smaller campus and a smaller town and campus security seems really good," Daniello Filkins, Elementary Education



"Just as safe. I don't feel as if anybody is going to shoot us up any time," Tyler Ramaekers, Organizational Communication



"Yeah, because we have a smaller campus and a smaller town and campus security seems really good," Mallory Rives, Interactive Digital Media

OPINION

PUBLIC SAFETY

Aug. 20

■Lost/stolen property, brown purse and contents, 2600 S. Main

Aug. 22

■Christopher C. Stephens, 25, Maryville, wanted on warrant, failure to appear, 600 N. Market

Aug. 24

■Vicky M. Quick, 20, Maryville, driving while intoxicated, 300 E. Seventh

Aug. 25

■Assault, ongoing investigation, 500 W. Seventh

Aug. 26

■Jessica A. Van DerSlice, 18, Maryville, possession of 35 grams of less of marijuana, driving without a valid license, failure to display lighted headlamps, 200 N. Main

■Joshua L. Turnbull, 20, Coin, Iowa, minor in possession of intoxicants; Andrew L. Clark, 20, minor in possession of intoxicants, 200 N. Market

■Jared R. Smith, 23, Maryville, leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident, driving while intoxicated, careless and imprudent driving, 100 S. Main

■Christopher R. Bouger, 24, Maryville, driving while intoxicated, driving without a valid license, 1500 S. Main

■April L. Spurgea, 18, Clarinda, Iowa, minor in possession of intoxicants, open container in vehicle, College Park Drive

■Larceny, gas, 600 S. Main

Aug. 27

■Larceny, cash, 1100 S. Main

Aug. 28

■Larry J. Mossburg, 29, Maryville, larceny, 1600 S. Main

ACCIDENTS

■Helen M. Craig, 58, Maryville, collided with Larry E. Cody, Dewey, Mo., at the intersection of Halsey and Main Street.

■Benedict Kohleppel, 76, Parcell, Mo., collided with George Groumoutis, 57, Maryville, at the intersection of Main Street and Lieber.

OBITUARIES

■Ralph Stanton Mauzy Jr., 56, Maryville, died Monday, Sept. 3, 2007, at his home.

He was born Jan. 29, 1951 in St. Joseph, the son of Ralph Mauzy Sr.

A graduate of Benton High School in St. Joseph, Ralph was a U.S. Army veteran, having been disabled in the Vietnam War.

On April 1, 2005, he married Monica Marzen Anderson in Maryville.

A member of St. Gregory's Catholic Church, Ralph also belonged to A.A. in Maryville.

He was preceded in death by his father and his grandparents: Ray and Gladys Mauzy, in whose home he was raised.

Survivors include his wife:

Monica, of their home; a daughter:

Becky Lynn Mauzy, Owingsville, Mo.; stepdaughters: Clara Anderson, Maryville and Lena Anderson, Kansas City, Mo.; brothers: Ray Mauzy, Clarkdale, Mo. and Richard Johnson, Topeka, Kan.; sisters: Dorothy Davidson, Clarkdale and Cindy Warren, Topeka; aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

The Legion of Mary Rosary will be 4:00 p.m., Thursday, at Price Funeral Home, Maryville.

Visitation is 6:00-7:00 p.m.

with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, at Price Funeral Home.

A Memorial Mass will be at noon, Friday, at St. Gregory's Catholic Church, Maryville.

James Edward Gray American Legion Post 100 will conduct military services at St. Gregory's Catholic Church immediately following Mass.

Inurnment will be in Clarkdale Cemetery, Clarkdale, at a later date.

Memorials may be made to St.

Gregory's Catholic Church or to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Ralph's name.

New report finds the surge hasn't cut attacks on Iraqis

Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., said Army Gen. David Petraeus, the U.S. commander in Iraq, had shown him during a recent congressional visit to Iraq. Coleman said those charts showed a decrease in violence.

"Let's just say that there are several different sources within the administration on violence, and those sources do not agree. So I don't know what Gen. Petraeus is giving you," Walker said.

When President Bush announced in January that he'd dispatch more troops, he said the goal was to cut sectarian violence so the government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki could work out political compromises on key issues among Iraq's rival religious and ethnic groups.

Supporters and opponents of the surge now agree on at least one thing: Al-Maliki has been unable to

bring about those agreements. So does the GAO. Its report found that of the benchmarks Iraq's government set for itself, three have met, four have been partially met and 11 haven't been met.

"Overall, key legislation has not been passed, violence remains high, and it is unclear whether the Iraqi government will spend \$10 billion in reconstruction funds," the report said.

The GAO said it couldn't determine whether sectarian violence in Iraq is down "because measuring such violence requires understanding the perpetrator's intent, which may not be known."

But the report said it was possible to assess the overall daily number of attacks against civilians. A chart showed that those attacks have remained relatively constant throughout 2007, despite

photo by rodger moffatt
for north star/telegram



INMATE
BRADLEY
WALTERMIRE
shows concern
for Jenny who
suffered a
seizure, August
8, 2007, at the
Sander Estes
Unit of the state
prison system in
Venus, Texas.
Select inmates are
allowed to train
rescued dogs to
be adopted to
new homes as
pets.

Innovative program teams rescued dogs with prison inmates

By David Casstevens
McClatchy Newspapers

VENUS, Texas (MCT)—Bradley Waltermire is serving five years for manslaughter. He has known all kinds in prison. Many convicts are quick studies, but his new cellmate—a loner type, quiet, nervous, withdrawn—was an enigma. He wasn't sure how they would get along.

As the 27-year-old offender

admitted about those first tentative

days this summer when they began

sharing Cell 12 at the Sanders Estes

Unit, his roommate crossed the 8-

by-10-foot cube without speaking

and, in an egregious breach of etiquette, even for state prison, began

lapping thirstily—and loudly—from the toilet. "She doesn't like her (water) bowl," Waltermire said, in defense of his new best friend.

The happy dog paddled back to

her favorite resting place, a bathmat outside her crate next to the inmate's narrow metal bed.

He gives Jenny one aspirin,

twice a day. In turn, she makes her handler's time in lockup pass more quickly.

"She's right there, at the (cell)

door," he said, smiling at the image of the prancing, tail-wagging greet-

ing that awaits him at the end of

his workday.

Their time, the inmate regrets,

is almost over. Jenny soon will be

paroled and adopted.

Jenny is part of a program in

which neglected, abused and

SAFETY: Distressed students can get help

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"If they're (faculty, staff and students) concerned about somebody let somebody know," Elliott said. "That's the key, let somebody know... it's good citizenship... take care of your neighbors."

Over the summer a few adjustments were made around campus for safety.

Some of the messages in the Simplex System, the voice alarm system on campus, were adjusted to add a few words, said Campus Safety Director, Clarence Green. The Simplex System is in 98 percent of buildings on campus; alternatives such as phone calls are being looked into for the other 2 percent. All residential and academic buildings fall in the 98 percent, Green said.

Locks were put on all classroom doors, which allow them to be locked from the inside, Green said.

Security and emergency checklist placards were also placed all over

campus, Green said.

Starting this year announcements before sporting events as well as emergency plans printed in the programs allow the crowd to know what is expected of them in case of an emergency, Green said.

This summer Green served on the governor's Campus Security Task Force. The task force met several times starting May 1 and ending Aug. 23. At the end of the summer they submitted a report to the governor, Green said.

The report established 22 best practice points for schools to implement, but no school was forced to bring them into practice.

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such as surveillance cameras and mass text messaging. Timelines are in the works to see if and when those ideas will be brought to NorthWest, Green said.

The University has considered text messaging has been looked into, but sending a mass text message could mess up the system, Elliott said.

She thinks the Simplex system is the best way to get message out, and they are still thinking of ways to alert those off campus.

In addition to the training, "back up information" will be available on the Counseling Center Web site, Crowley said. The information will be what they learned in training.

The Counseling Center staff is available twenty-four seven to respond to anything that should come up.

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NorthWest had a lot of those practices already in place, Green said.

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your business to last and stay, You'd better like what it is and like what you're doing."

Across South Main Street, Service Lube Manager Jerry Lutz closely echoed Coleman's advice, with a touch of thrift.

"For my first year, I'd have my goals planned," Lutz said. "Too many people go into this without a sound business plan."

"Make sure any spending is necessary," Lutz added. "You have to keep costs down as much as possible."

Even corporate franchise hopefuls don't enjoy immunity from start-up costs, Nodaway County Economic Developer Lee Langerock said. While independent businesses do not incur franchise costs to open a Taco Bell or Wendy's, entrepreneurs may still need to invest in preparing some sites to meet the corporate model for a franchise.

Costs can vary with each prospective location, so a franchise's

chances of opening can vary with the owner's willingness to invest.

Additionally, many corporations require their franchises to remodel approximately every five years, Langerock said.

"That's why wherever you travel, the inside of certain franchises look the same," Langerock said. "That's part of the name-identification: That you know what it's going into."

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MHS TENNIS



SERENA EULER strikes the ball back to a Savannah opponent during Tuesday's meet. Euler and Mallory Jobst were the lone 'Hounds to muster a victory during the 9-2 loss.

'Hounds' inconsistency remains against Savannah

Top two players win in singles competition; 'Hounds struggle in doubles

By Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

The top two players for the Marville High School girls' tennis team were the only ones to notch victories in the team's 9-2 loss to Savannah, Tuesday.

Mallory Jobst and Serena Euler won their singles matches; Jobst winning 8-2 and Euler winning 9-7.

Euler had a long night coming back from a 6-1 deficit while battling illness and an uncooperative racket.

"I got pretty lucky today," Euler said. "I caught on pretty late in the game. I was down 1-6, and I came back from that."

Though Euler plays with deficits often, Euler was getting a little frustrated with her play.

To help her, Jobst, her friend and doubles partner, cheered from the crowd and encouraged her friend to overcome her deficit.

"She's a fighter," coach Tricia Knowles said. "Her and Mallory, they fight."

That fighting spirit is exclusive to the top players on the team, Knowles said. It has allowed Euler to move to 2-0 on the year—both come from behind victories.

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NW SOCCER

Northwest preparing for final conference tune-up

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

Northwest coach Tracy Hoza said during Tuesday's media luncheon that her team had its best practice of the season Monday.

So far, in this early season, that's been the only good news coming from Bearcat Pitch. Northwest dropped to 0-2 Aug. 31 after a 2-1 loss to St. Cloud (Minn.) State.

"We did play better," Hoza said. "We did outrun and out-shoot our opponent. It's still a little bit hard to take a 0-2 start."

Northwest was scheduled to play Wayne State (Neb.) Sunday but a rash broke out among the visiting team, causing the game to be postponed. It may have been a blessing in disguise with Northwest 1-3 all-time against the Tigers.

"Rash. Is that the P.C. (Politically Correct) way to say it?" Hoza said with a laugh.

Kelsey Sanders broke Northwest's goal-less streak with a goal in the 55th minute. Through two games, Northwest has a shooting percentage of 3.1. In two games last year, Northwest had seven goals.

Freshman Andrea Freeman said the team needs to gel better as a team in order to break out of its slump. Sunday, the team travels to Oklahoma



RAE HILDRETH (left) and Wimpy Macken (right) fight St. Cloud (Minn.) defender Amy Lindstrom for the ball during a 2-1 loss Aug. 31. The Bearcats are 0-2 on the season and begin the conference season Sept. 14 at Southwest Baptist.

to play Northeastern State. Northeastern recently won 0-1—both against MIAA teams at the Jemmes Classic hosted by Central Missouri.

"It's going to be a competitive game," Hoza said. "We're going to be ready to step up in conference," Freeman said.

It'll also be the last non-conference game before the Bearcats begin the conference season, Sept. 14, at Southwest Baptist. Northwest next plays Missouri Southern, Sept. 15, before returning home for a four-game home stand.

SPORTS

OSCOPES

Today's birthday (09-06-07)

You're a perfectionist, but this year, you can't do everything. Delegate more responsibilities. You don't want to batch any due to overload. Make more time for yourself.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 5—Domestic squabbles are not your favorite form of entertainment. Help them all settle down and work together, to accomplish great things.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is an 8—You'll be thinking about creative projects more for the next few weeks. Do the planning and get the patterns. You can save a lot of money on gifts this year.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is a 7—There's money coming in, perhaps due to a change at the top. If there's a promotion you'd like to have, apply for it now.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is an 8—You're entering a very creative phase. You may not be very interested in social activities though, unless they're held at your beautiful home. You could go for that.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 6—You can tell that you're accomplishing things when the money starts coming in. It will, so don't slow down. You'll earn more for the dirtier jobs.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is an 8—Friends will be glad to help you find anything you need. They can even lead you to the right person for an important job. Ask and ye shall receive.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 5—Finish an old job quickly and a new one follows on its heels. Don't let yourself be overwhelmed; look forward to the challenge.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is an 8—You're good at keeping secrets, that's why you get told so many. Keep the one that comes under discussion now. Change the subject smoothly without attracting attention.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 5—You're more interested in philosophy than finances and yet, as you know, it's nice to have some pocket change. Take care of your business and your business takes care of you.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is an 8—Even if you're not working for tips, the same rules apply now. The better you do, the more money you'll be paid. Keep a cheerful attitude, too.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 5—This job requires great sensitivity. And, it doesn't pay very well. Should you delegate it to somebody else? Nope, that's not an option.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is an 8—You are incredibly special in somebody else's opinion. At moments like this, it's always a good idea not to argue.

AT YOUR LEISURE

STROLLER

Your Man knows art...and porn

It was porn.

Porn was playing on the screen at Burny's a couple of weekends ago, and I was watching. I had strolled in to partake in sin and red-neck watching, when the gyrating silicone and humongous hog of the horizontal hurdle caught my eye.

I couldn't look away. It was

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Unplugged



Staffer spends a day away from digital addiction

Tara Adkins
Features Editor

Do do, do do, ring ring.

I ignored my cell phone as the computer door creaked open from an instant message, an alert from an e-mail sounded and the TV played muffled in the background all while I was engrossed in a life or death game of "Guitar Hero" with my roommate.

Although at times I may seem computer illiterate compared to bigwig, electronic gurus, I really don't think I could live a life without being digitally connected to the rest of the world. Fifteen years ago, although only 7 years old at the time, I would have never imagined the digital life I now live. But I also think I never would have imagined a life being so dependent on something as trivial as checking my e-mail a dozen times a day.

So I decided to face a new challenge. I went one day digital-less. That means 24 hours without my iPod, laptop, digital camera, Internet, TV and cell phone. And it was a challenge.

7 a.m., Aug. 29, 2007.

This is the time I would normally have my iHome awake me from my deep, sweet slumber to the subtle tunes of the local radio station. But since I can't use it, I relied on my internal alarm clock, which was quite the gamble. Surprisingly, it's more accurate than I thought, and I woke up only 12 minutes late after glancing at my analog watch. This will now be my only timekeeping device from now on.

8:30 a.m.

Before I head out the door, I usually check my e-mail, the weather and my Facebook. But not today. I'll have to go Internet-less all day. This might be more difficult than I thought.

9:05 a.m.

First class is starting. Power Points never crossed my mind. All of my teachers incorporate them into their lectures. Do they count? Unfortunately, they do and my teacher will use one. Well let's just say I get three cheats for the day.

10:50 a.m.

So it's pretty much impossible to stay away from electronics when Northwest is known as the Electronic Campus.

I had to use another cheat as my second teacher used a Power Point. Only one more left and it's still just the morning.

Noon.

Thankfully, my final teacher of the day did not use a Power Point and it was a good, old fashioned lecture. Well I wouldn't exactly call it good. More like, so mundane I wanted to stab my Bic pen through my eyeball just to add excitement to the class. Wonder if that would excuse me from future classes? Better not take the risk. Being blind probably would affect my writing performance.

At least classes are done for the day, but now the hard part sets in. I trek back to my apartment pondering what I will do to keep myself busy for the rest of the day.

3:08 p.m.

I've used the past few hours catching up on homework. I rarely read when a teacher tells us to, so I thought I would be a good student and actually do the assignment. Although, it's not exactly the most exciting way to spend an afternoon, I feel like I've accomplished something.

4 p.m.

I spent the last 40 minutes sleeping, which will probably be the best part of my day. I think I'll go pick up a couple newspapers and find out what's going on in the world since I'm quarantined from TV and Internet. If anything, I can always do the puzzles in the paper if the news is boring.

5:10 p.m.

OK, I'll admit it. It's getting tough now. I literally did spend the last hour doing crossword and Sudoku puzzles in the newspapers. Slightly sad, but luckily my roommates are back. Now I won't have to suffer in silence.

6:30 p.m.

So officially call me pathetic. There went my last cheat. I cringed for it. I needed a fix like a junkie on crack cocaine. I was desperate and gave in.

Apparently, Facebook has its stern reigns on my soul and convinced me to have a sweet taste of its evil, social addiction. Truthfully, it was worth it. But now I've realized I have a problem. I truly am addicted to Facebook. But admitting the problem is the always the first step to recovery.

8:15 p.m.

My roommates and I visited Wal-Mart—the economy beast of boredom. Who knew you could spend an hour perusing the vast amounts of makeup, office supplies and other random objects in the corporate giant's warehouse.

I was a sucker for their impulse advertising techniques. I grabbed everything and anything in sight that looked moderately interesting. Of course I spent too much money as usual. But I left with an armload of Wal-Mart stamped plastic bags, a dent in my wallet and a boost in morale.

11 p.m.

Right now I feel like I should've skipped that 40 minute nap as I lay wide-eyed staring at the ceiling resembling cottage cheese.

My mind races about all the things I missed that went on in the world. I probably should've used my cheat to check my e-mail instead of Facebook. I'm so irresponsible.

Who knew it would be so difficult to exclude everything digital? I can't wait until tomorrow when life will start back over—just the way Bill Gates intended.

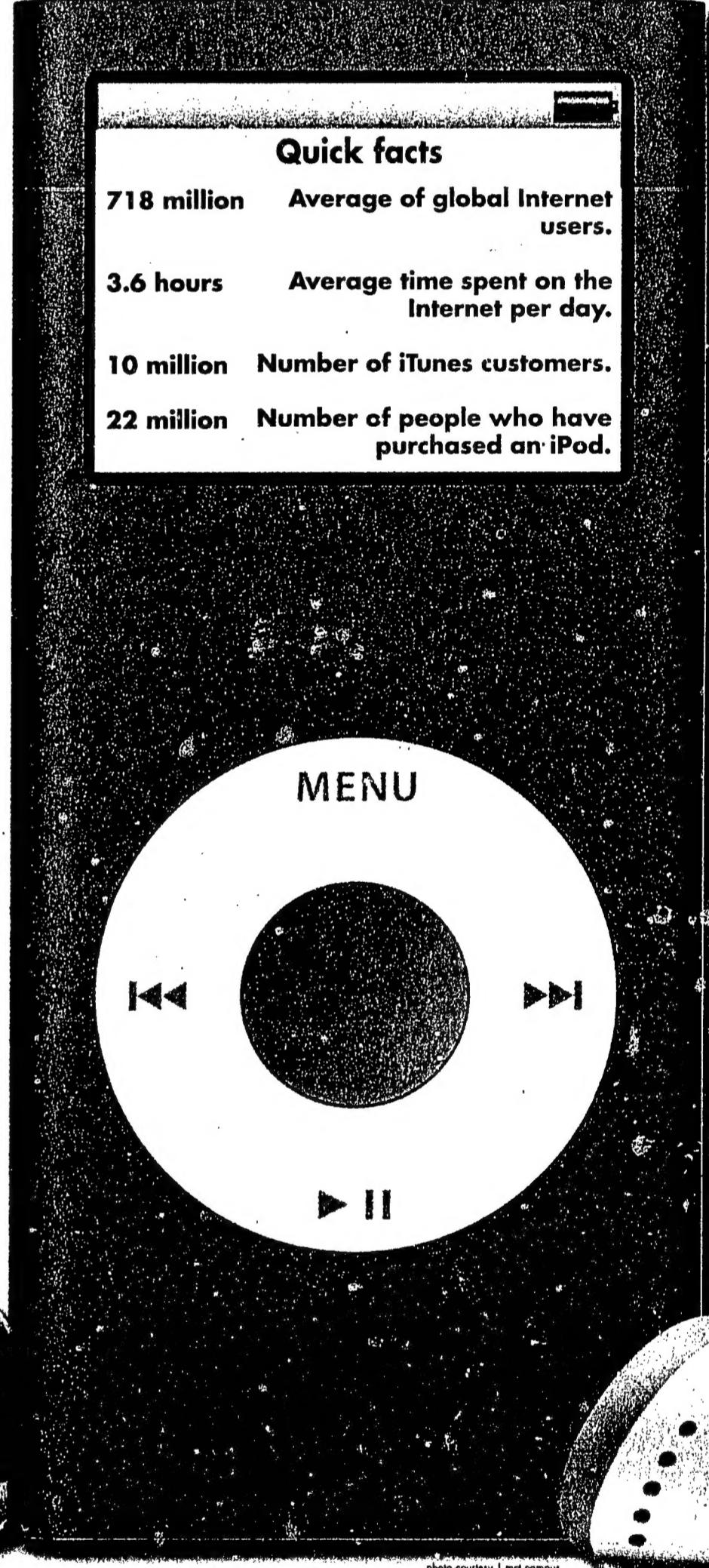


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NW FOOTBALL

Defense reloads for 2007 campaign

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

A year can make quite a difference. And for the Northwest football team, it has changed an entire identity.

After last year's defensive make-up shaped the Bearcats, the offense has its turn with eight returning starters. The defense, on the other hand, must replace six positions, four of which were All-Americans.

With four All-Americans, last year's defense allowed only 16 first quarter points, 248 yards per game and only five teams to register three scores or more. However, the task doesn't seem to overwhelm Northwest defensive coordinator Scott Bostwick.

"Each defense is different," Bostwick said. "The guys who graduated are going to be hard

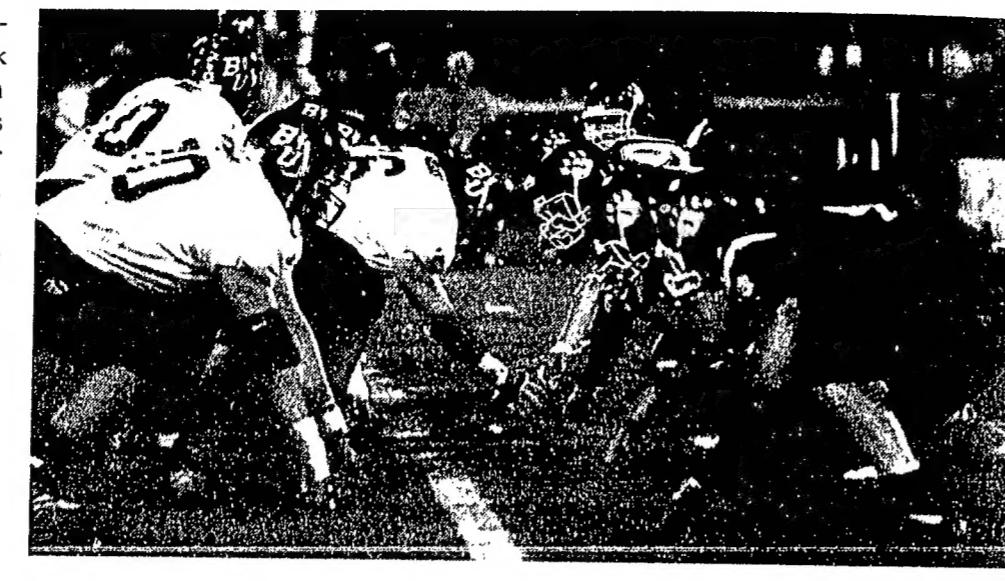
to replace, there's no questioning that. But this year's defense just needs time to identify themselves."

And time is something defensive co-captain Jared Ersamer said this defense will need to reach last year's milestones.

"Obviously we lost a lot of guys, and we don't expect to start off right where we left off," Ersamer said. "In a few games, we'll see what we're made of."

Ersamer, a second team MIAA all-conference selection, anchors a linebacking core trying to replace Ben Harness and Thomas Smith, both All-Americans. Harness and Smith posted 56 and 88 tackles, respectively, while Ersamer finished with 72 tackles, putting him second on the team behind Smith.

Tommy Miller, Evan Wilmes and Iowa State senior transfer



NORTHWEST'S DEFENSIVE line is one area where the Bearcats lack depth. Dallas Flynn and Terry Bilbro are the only returning starters, while T.J. Kauffman and Sean Paddock will fill in the voids left by Kyle Kaiser and Ryan Waters.

Miller was slotted in the other linebacker position, before injuring his tibia. The injury was only supposed to sideline the senior two or three weeks, but now it looks like he will miss the University of Nebraska-Omaha game.

Wilmes, who made the start against Arkansas Tech, will fill the void, and Bostwick said this is a good learning experience.

"This was the one spot we didn't need a hit," Bostwick said. "After Miller, really no one else had seen time at the linebacker position. But this is the beauty of an injury, I guess, because now Wilmes has to step up and show us what he can do."

The 'Cats also face the task of replacing two All-Americans on the defensive line, Ryan Waters and Kyle Kaiser. However, co-captain Dallas Flynn and Terry

LeFlore produced a career high seven tackles in the national championship game last year.

Head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said the defensive changes should not be a big obstacle to overcome.

"We have a lot of speed," Tjeerdsma said. "This is probably the best overall speed we've ever had. Our defense will get better as the season goes along and they are very focused. They want to be at this level and that will carry us a long ways."

This newly shaped defense will have to mature quickly, as the first game is at a place the 'Cats haven't won since 1996.

"The jury is still out on this defense, and their first game will be a hell of a test," Bostwick said. "We'll see what these guys are made of."



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Youth spotlights cross country season

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

O'Brien has placed first on the Bearcats in every race except one.

Spader said it will take time for the team to hit stride.

"We have a lot of talent, but we're just young," Spader said. "I can tell the freshmen worked hard over the summer, but they just need to learn how to compete in a race. And that will take time."

"They just have to stay calm and keep focused on the race."

The men are welcoming eight new runners, while the women feature only one senior. Women's coach Scott Lorek said although his team features one senior, he is surprised at how fast his young runners have adjusted to running collegiate cross country.

"We actually have good depth," Lorek said. "The girls have a good atmosphere around them to get better and we understand it may take a month for the new runners to develop."

One way that development will occur is from the leadership of senior Karah Spader and junior Anna O'Brien. Spader finished first on the squad at the MIAA Championships last season, while

moving to St. Joseph with his wife, he's returned to school and is running at Northwest.

"I took a couple years off because I got burned out and endured some different injuries," Chappell said. "But during these last couple of years, I have still been in training."

Although Chappell has not trained with a team for two years, he has been working with his brother, a professional distance runner.

"I competed at a high level when I ran competitively, so I'm anxious to see where I'm at right now," Chappell said. "I have been training hard, but now we'll see how I handle training with going to college."

Chappell, O'Brien and Spader will see where they stand when stepping on the new Northwest cross country course Saturday. The first-place finishers will set new course records on an almost 100 percent grass surfaced course.

The Bearcat/Spoofhound Open starts with high school girls at 9 a.m., followed by high school boys at 9:30 a.m. The Northwest women and men begin at 10 and 10:30 a.m., respectively.



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'Cats must be more productive on road



By Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

There's no place like home.

That statement couldn't be truer than for the 2006 Northwest women's soccer team. The Bearcats went 6-3-1 at home.

However, a 2-6 road record kept Northwest out of the playoffs as they finished with a school-record nine wins.

"We would like to get better results from those games on the road," Northwest coach Tracy Hoza said as she begins her fifth season.

Last year, in five road games against Washburn, Central Missouri, Missouri Southern, Truman State, and Southwest Baptist, the Bearcats didn't notch a single goal, losing all five.

So far this year, the 'Cats are 0-1 on the road—losing 1-0 to Upper Iowa Aug. 24.

Scoring more goals in road games will have to be done without last year's top scorer Kayla Griffin, who scored seven goals and led the team with 15 points.

"Not only was her goal scoring one of the best, so was her work ethic," Hoza said. "She really did affect the play-

ers that she was around."

Two of the players Hoza expects to help fill Griffin's goal scoring void are Amy Jackson, who will be converted to midfielder after playing defender last year, and Krista Obley. Jackson had four goals last year, while Obley missed nine games with an injury.

The 'Cats efficiency around the goal has been an issue early in the season. In two matches, they have a 3.1 shooting percentage with one goal scored in 32 attempts.

More goal scoring on the road might be the key to getting over the hump and into a winning season this year. However, doing so means finishing around the net, Hoza said.

One thing the 'Cats have, is the ability to keep getting better, senior forward Marti Trummer said.

The 'Cats continue their attempts to win on the road at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, in Tahlequah, Okla., against Northeastern State.

The 'Cats began their conference schedule, Sept. 14, at Southwest Baptist.

"There are a lot of hard teams in our conference, but we're just as hard," Trummer said. "No one underestimates us anymore."

KRISTA POLLMAN (right) is one of seven starters looking to fill the scoring void left by Kayla Griffin. Through two games in 2006, the team had seven goals. In two games this season, Northwest has one goal.

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Bearcat Soccer Schedule

Sept. 9—North-eastern (Okla.) State
Tahlequah, Okla., 2:30 p.m.

Sept. 14—Southwest Baptist,
Bolivar, Mo., 4 p.m.

Sept. 15—Missouri Southern,
Joplin, Mo., 4 p.m.

Sept. 21—Emporia State,
Bearcat Pitch, 2 p.m.

Sept. 22—Washburn,
Bearcat Pitch, 2 p.m.

Sept. 28—Missouri Western,
Bearcat Pitch, 2 p.m.

Sept. 29—Central Missouri,
Bearcat Pitch, 4 p.m.

Oct. 3—Truman, Kirksville,
Mo., 2 p.m.

Oct. 7—Truman, Bearcat
Pitch, 2 p.m.

Oct. 12—Washburn,
Topeka, Kan., 7 p.m.

Oct. 13—Emporia State,
Emporia, Kan., 7 p.m.

Oct. 19—Missouri Southern,
Bearcat Pitch, 2 p.m.

Oct. 20—Southwest Baptist,
Bearcat Pitch, 2 p.m.

Oct. 26—Central Missouri,
Warrensburg, Mo., 7 p.m.

Oct. 27—Missouri Western,
St. Joseph, Mo., 7 p.m.

Nov. 3—MIAA Tournament,
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NW GOLF

Golf beginning first season

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

said 'Dad, we need a golf team.' I said 'Well, how do we do that,'" McLaughlin said.

From there, women's golf became a club sport in 2001. In April 2006, the Board of Regents approved a proposal by Northwest athletic director Bob Boeriger to make golf a varsity sport.

McLaughlin said he is enjoying his first year as a college coach. He's even enjoying learning NCAA regulations and the competency tests he had to take before being given the reigns of the program in May 2006.

"It's exciting," McLaughlin said. "When I was the club coach, I could do whatever I want, but now I've had to learn so much more as a college coach and I owe my thanks to Dr. Sue (Reinders, Assistant Athletic Director.)"

Northwest opens the non-championship season Sept. 13 when they host the Bearcat Invitational at Mozingo Lake Golf Course. Monday and Tuesday, the team will play two rounds of golf to determine the top-five golfers. Before each tournament, they'll play two rounds to set up

the top-five golfers.

Feuerbach enjoys the competition.

"It's not often that you compete against your own teammates, but it'll be fun," Feuerbach said.

Bearcat Golf Schedule

Sept. 13—Bearcat Invitational, Mozingo Lake Golf Course

Sept. 17—Graceland Invitational, Graceland University Golf Course

Sept. 21-22—Rockhurst Invitational, Claycrest Golf Course

Sept. 30-Oct. 1—Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational, Pioneer and Highlands Golf Courses

Oct. 4-5—William Jewell Invitational, Claycrest Golf Course

Oct. 19—Avila Invitational, Ironhorse Golf Club

Bearcats begin youth movement

By Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

consistent at all times could be contributed to inexperience, Tool said.

The 2007 Northwest volleyball team will have a youthful look this year as coach Anna Tool fields a team of 10 players, half of which are freshmen.

This year's squad includes three new transfers, all of whom are freshmen or sophomores.

"We're looking for that consistent leadership from either a freshman or a sophomore right now," Tool said.

Graduation and the decision by some players to leave, caused the team's new look. The 'Cats have lost their top four scorers from last season.

To solve this problem, Tool brought in outside hitter Alicia Johnson from the University of Iowa.

"At the outside hitting position we've actually added some depth..." Tool said. "Alicia Johnson will be our go to player on offense."

Johnson, a 5-foot-9-inch sophomore from Tripoli, Iowa, isn't shying away from that burden either, but said she's ready for the pressure.

After two tournaments, Johnson is second on the team with 88 kills, but admitted that she needs to improve her hitting efficiency.

Hitting efficiency was one of the key factors in the 'Cats 2-2 performance in the Nebraska-Kearney Volleyball Classic. In their two wins, the 'Cats posted a combined 42 attack errors. In their two losses they had 67.

Hitting improved during the St. Edwards Volleyball Classic last weekend. The 'Cats notched 75 hitting errors in all of their matches, but still managed a 2-2 record over those four games.

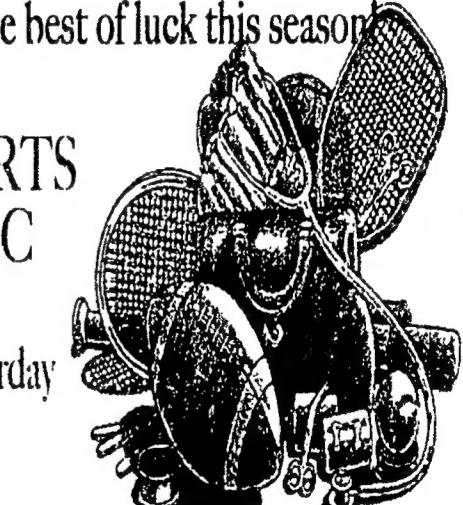
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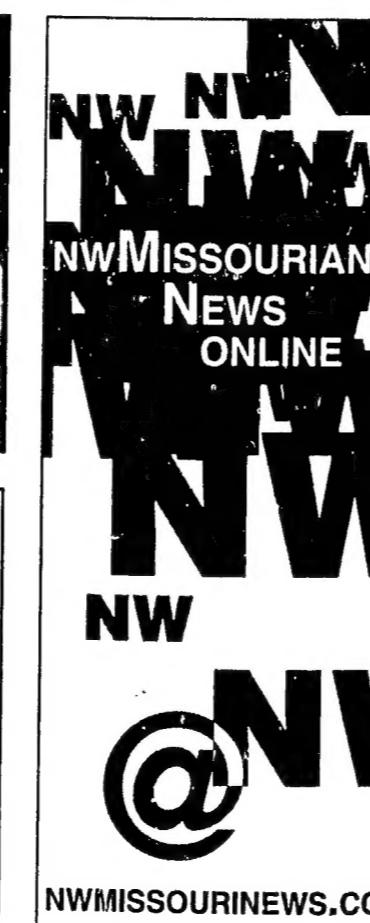


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MHS FOOTBALL

Senior-led 'Hounds eye district title

By Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

Last season, an inexperienced Maryville football team battled inconsistency en route to a 4-6 record.

A lack of experience will not be a problem this season as the Spoofhounds, who already knocked off their biggest rival last week, have returning starters at nearly every position.

With 14 returning starters, and just three of whom being two-way players, the expectations have risen.

Second-year coach Chris Holt said a third consecutive season without a playoff appearance will be very difficult to stomach.

"We've set a goal for ourselves to compete for a district championship," Holt said. "If we're not in the playoffs, I think this team would see that as a failure."

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"Anything that involves athletic kids that can run, we've got that covered," Holt said. "Offensive and defensive line, we could

"I just think if we don't win our district, that's not going to be good enough. We're a totally different team (than last year.) Senior leadership has been huge and we're just miles ahead of where we were last year at this time."

Of those 17 starters, nine are on the offense, including every skill position. Senior quarterback Andy Walter returns after throwing for 757 yards and 10 touchdowns last season. Senior Malcolm Swinford and junior Adam Mattson will be taking the majority of Walter's handoffs. Mattson finished with 898 rushing yards in 2006, and was All-MEC as a sophomore.

Senior Tanner Archer will occasionally line up at wide receiver after totaling 294 yards a year

Defensively, the team returns nine starters, and only one, Mattson, is a full-time two-way player.

Two-time All-MEC middle linebacker Tyler Ogelsby leads the unit with Archer, a safety, spearheading the charge in the secondary. Seniors Luke Lancaster and Jeremy Davis will line up on the line with junior John Schreck aiding the linebacking corps. Ogelsby is out for a few weeks with a separated shoulder.

While the unit is going to be fresh as only a few will see time on offense, that is not the only advantage it possesses.

Mattson said team unity and

overall comprehension of the coaching philosophy will make the difference this season.

"We know what we're doing a lot more and there's just more experience out there this year," Mattson said. "Everyone's coming and playing as a team. I think MEC champs is a pretty good goal for us."

While Holt sees his team as vastly improved from his initial campaign, he still coaches a Class 2 team in a conference filled with Class 3 and 4 schools. But, like his running back, he won't count his 'Hounds out of the MEC race.

"I really think it's Platte County's race to take care of but we would love to think we're up there in the top two or three," he said. "Just don't hand the trophy over yet to Platte County. We'd like to have some say in it."

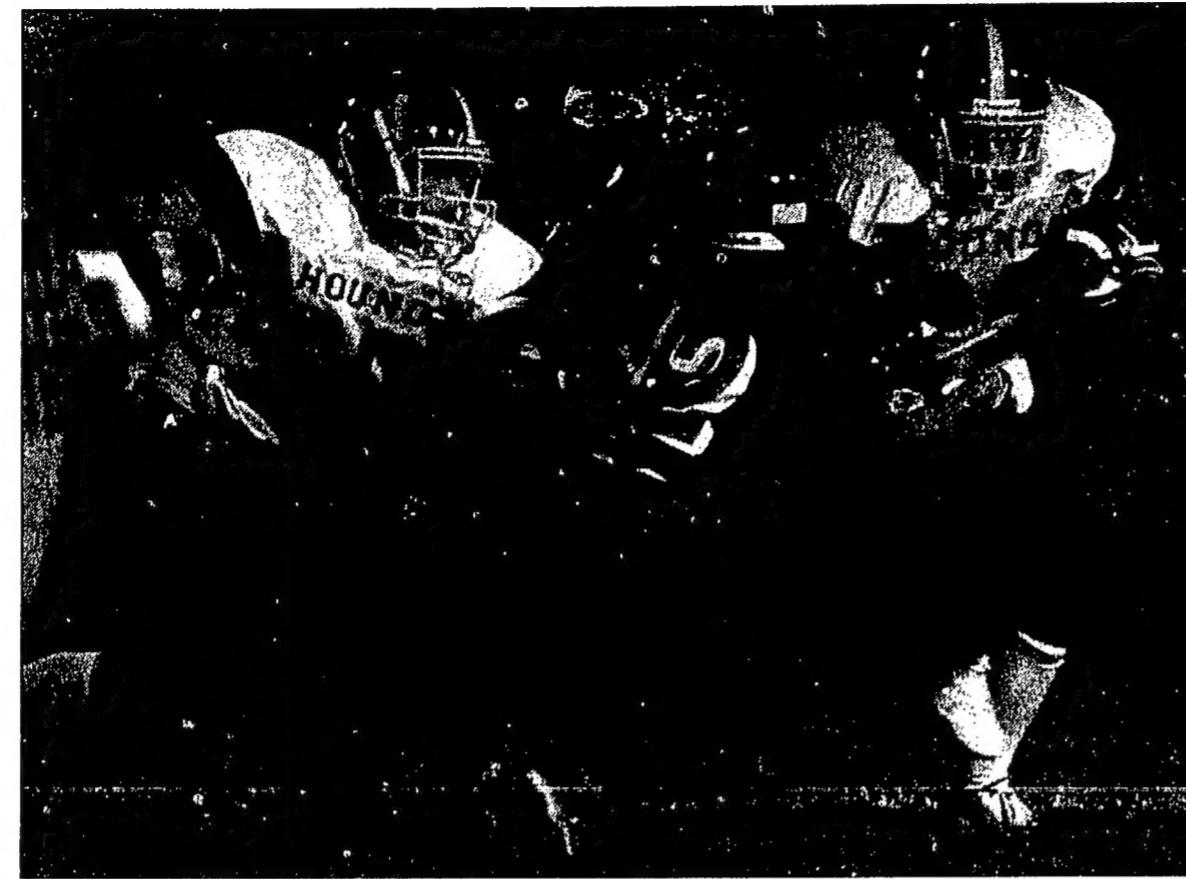


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MARYVILLE SENIOR HALFBACK Malcolm Swinford (right) attempts to elude Chillicothe cornerback Tyson Blattner. Swinford is expected to be one of the two feature backs in the Spoofhounds' offense this season.

use more depth."

The offensive line returns Spencer Twaddle and Dillon Owens, while the remainder of the unit is new. Junior guard Tanner Walter will be out for a few weeks while recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery.

Defensively, the team returns



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nine starters, and only one, Mattson, is a full-time two-way player.

MARYVILLE JUNIOR tailback Adam Mattson gets a rare breather in the fourth quarter of Maryville's 20-18 win over Chillicothe. Mattson rushed for 102 yards on the night.

"Both captains are really good leaders," Klaus said. "The team really looks up to them. They work hard, so the rest of the team works hard with them."

During the summer, the team endured workout regimens three days a week, including conditioning and

MHS VOLLEYBALL

Experience fuels high hopes for 'Hounds

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

When hearing the Maryville volleyball team's starting lineup, don't be shocked if those names seem slightly similar to last year's names. In fact, don't be surprised when all six starters announced are the same as last year's.

Head coach Lori Klaus' second year seems to be off to the right start with three seniors, one junior and two sophomores leading the starting unit for the second consecutive year.

"With our experience, we're speeding up the offense more, and we should win quite a few more matches," Klaus said. "We've learned a lot from last year, and I've seen a different attitude during practice. This team wants to win more this year, and that all starts with the leadership stepping up."

That leadership starts with the Spoofhounds' two captains, seniors Leah Wilmes and Jayme Mattson.

Klaus said Wilmes and Mattson's experience was integral during summer workouts.

Wilmes also said these sessions helped build team chemistry.

"As a team, we're really good friends," Wilmes said. "And after this summer, we've gotten to know each other even better. That will definitely help us on the court because we know what to expect from each other."

Despite losing narrowly to Clarinda during their season's first match, the 'Hounds are set on making noise in district play this season.

"I think the team is more enthusiastic this year," Mattson said. "We can expect a lot more this year, and we should challenge for the district."



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MARYVILLE COACH Lori Klaus watches action intently during the Spoofhounds season opener. Klaus' team returns all six starters from last year's team.

Spoofhound Volleyball Schedule

- Sept. 6—at Platte County, 5 p.m.
- Sept. 8—Winnetonka Tournament, 8 a.m.
- Sept. 11—at Benton, 5 p.m.
- Sept. 13—at Lafayette, 5 p.m.
- Sept. 18—at Chillicothe, 5 p.m.
- Sept. 20—Cameron, 5 p.m.
- Sept. 25—Lafayette, 5 p.m.
- Sept. 27—at Savannah, 5 p.m.
- Oct. 1—Rock Port, 5 p.m.
- Oct. 4—Benton, 5 p.m.
- Oct. 6—"Hounds invite at MHS/MMS, 8 a.m.
- Oct. 9—Savannah, 5 p.m.
- Oct. 11—Chillicothe, 5 p.m.
- Oct. 15—at Fairfax, 5 p.m.
- Oct. 16—Smithville, 5 p.m.
- Oct. 22-26—Districts
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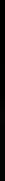
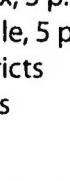
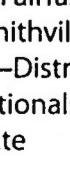
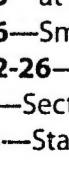
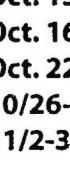
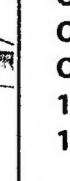
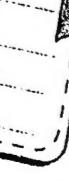
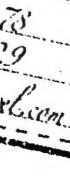
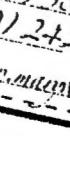
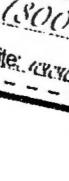
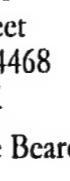
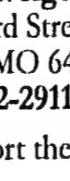
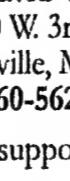
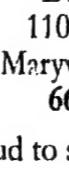
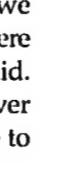
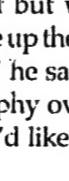
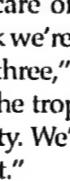
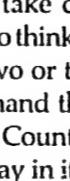
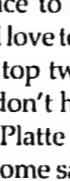
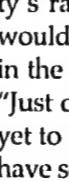
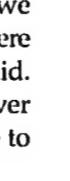
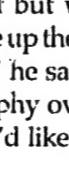
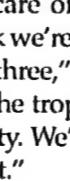
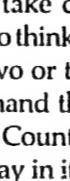
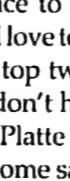
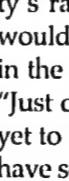
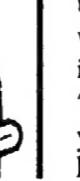
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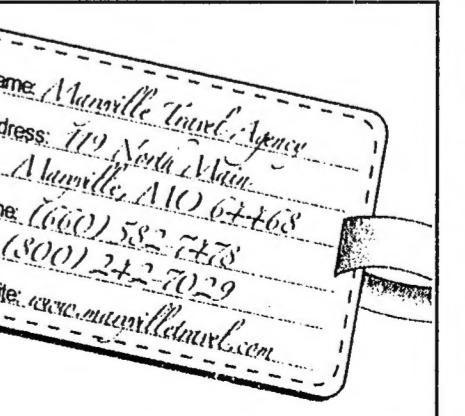
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Sept. 17 — JV/V at Jefferson, 5 p.m.
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MISSOURI'S CORNELIUS BROWN, facing the camera, celebrates with William Moore after Moore picked off a pass late in the game to end an Illinois drive. Missouri defeated Illinois, 40-34, at Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis, Missouri, Saturday, Sept. 1.

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Key loss: Victor Septulvedo-muro
Player to watch: John Seipel
Coach Stuart Collins: "We've

focused a lot on keeping our shape, making sure everybody covers for each other... and we've worked on that quite a bit for these first three weeks, and they're doing a good job."



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Editor predicts prosperous 2007 for fall sports

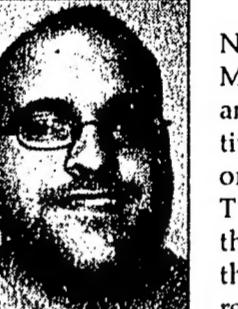


Kalin Miles
MHS golfer

MHS golf

Returning letter winners: 4
Key player lost: Sara Hayes
Players to watch: Kalin Miles, Kim Hanna

Coach Brenda Ricks: "It will take about a 100 average (per player) to win at districts. So if Kalin can shoot in the 80s, and everyone else can average around 100, we have a good shot."



Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

The time has come for Northwest fans to push their chips to the middle of the table and make their predictions. Each team has at least played one game, but who knows anything about a team until mid-season. Allow me to begin.

Football
2006 Result: 14-1
(Lost in national championship)

Defense carried Northwest to an MIAA championship and a second consecutive national championship appearance. This year, expect the offense to carry the load with eight returning starters and five defensive starters.

The offense goes through senior running back Xavier Omon. If quarterback Josh Mathews can play the same mistake-free ball he had pre-national championship, expect big things from Northwest.

Potentially standing in the way of Northwest's bid for its third championship could be

Grand Valley State, the team that has sent the Bearcats packing each of the last two years. With the regions switching this year, the two teams can only meet in the semifinals. Northwest gets by Grand Valley State in Allendale, Mich., to advance to its third straight title game.

Prediction: 8-11

Volleyball

2006 Result: 14-19 (Lost in first round of MIAA tournament)

Anna Tool's first season as head coach was a memorable one. Northwest qualified for its first conference tournament in school history (started in 2003). Two years ago, the highly touted big three of Rachel Spensley, Molly Hankins and Katie Stillwell, along with Sarah Trowbridge were supposed to make the Bearcats an elite program.

Hankins and Trowbridge graduated as one of the top assists and kills leaders in school history. Spensley and Stillwell are no longer on the team for unknown reasons. Freshman Priscilla Bremer, who was to replace Trowbridge after graduation, opted not to come back. Tool's starting out fresh. The future is bright. Northwest returns to the conference tournament, but doesn't advance.

Prediction: 13-20

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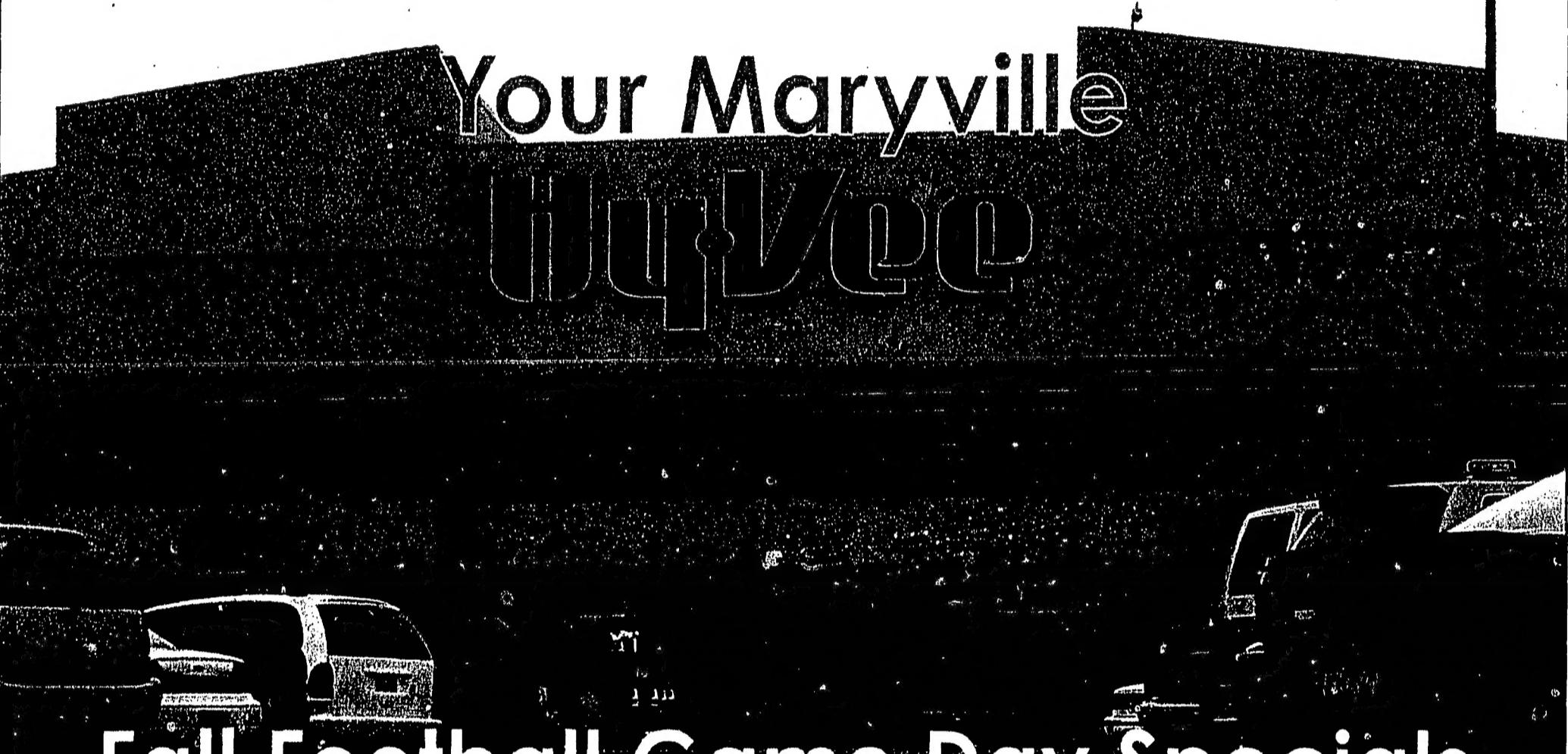
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